

# EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT ROUTING SLIP

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Remarks

Executive Secretary

8/22/84

Date

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 21, 1984

Attached are the minutes of the NNBIS Executive Board Meeting of August 9, 1984. You were previously sent a copy of the attached and we would like to request that the previous copy be destroyed as it was not properly dated and marked with the proper classification.

Thank you.



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EXECUTIVE BOARD

9 AUGUST 1984

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The NNBIS Executive Board met at 1 p.m., 9 August under the Chairmanship of the Vice President to consider the draft report of the Joint Surveillance Committee.

The Board was briefed on the development and content of the draft report and discussed the issues and recommendations in the report.

The Board agreed that the nature and magnitude of the drug smuggling problem is such that our surveillance and detection capability is less than adequate and that an approach similar to Option B of the report is probably the way to go. However, in view of three study efforts currently underway in Treasury that bear directly on the issues of the detection/interception resources mix, the Board agreed to hold final selection and approval of an Option pending the completion of the Treasury studies (expected by 12/84).

The Board agreed:

-- that the Departments/Agencies would implement now, subject to the budget process, the specific numbered recommendations except those (1,5,13-14) directly affected by the Treasury studies.

-- that Coast Guard would continue its present seaborne tethered aerostat procurement program of eight aerostats.

-- that Customs would proceed with the procurement of the five follow-on P-3 aircraft at such time as the prototype proves acceptable.

-- to hold in abeyance the recommendation in Option B to have Customs purchase 12 land based aerostats. This delay will give the Defense Department time to review the military threat across the southern approaches to the U.S., in light of recent developments in Central America, to determine whether DoD surveillance programs are timely and sufficient to the threat. And, in the context of such review, Defense also agreed that any improvements to their surveillance capabilities should be fully integrated with law enforcement surveillance efforts.

Defense also agreed to review whether any additional E2 or E3 surveillance flight hours could be provided to law enforcement if the cost of those hours were reimbursed to DoD by Customs. Secretary Weinberger noted however that the fundamental problem was not reimbursement but lack of airframes.

Justice suggested that there be an analysis of the marginal utility of seizures based on surveillance/detection as compared with that achieved through the greater use of intelligence or other techniques. The issue was left open for future discussion.

The meeting concluded at 2 p.m. A list of attendees is attached.

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ATTENDEES AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 9, 1984

THE VICE PRESIDENT

Kenneth Damm - Deputy Secretary of State  
Donald Regan - Secretary of the Treasury  
Caspar Weinberger - Secretary of Defense  
Lowell Jensen - Associate Attorney General  
James Burnley - Deputy Secretary of Transportation  
Edwin Meese - Counsellor to the President  
Admiral Daniel J. Murphy - Chief of Staff to the Vice  
President  
John McMahon - Deputy Director, Central Intelligence  
Agency  
Jack Svahn - Assistant to the President for Policy  
Development  
Tim McNamar - Deputy Secretary of the Treasury  
John Walker - Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for  
Enforcement  
Nicholas Schowengerdt - NNBIS Staff Director